

REMARKS

Revocation of Power of Attorney

Applicant is enclosing herewith a Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney naming BRUCE H. TROXELL as attorney of record in this patent application. It is requested that all further correspondence regarding this matter be forwarded to TROXELL LAW OFFICE PLLC at the address listed on the enclosed form. A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM is also being submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Su et al. (U.S. 2003/0067742A1).

Drawings

It is noted that the Examiner has accepted the drawings as originally filed with this application.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and has added new claims 4-6 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward a n optical drive apparatus for a plurality of flash cards comprising: a housing (10) having an internal chamber and having a plurality of apertures (41-45) including a plurality of flash card apertures (42-45); an optical drive (20) located in the internal chamber reading from and writing to optical media; and a compact flash drive (30) having: a plurality of electronic components (311); a circuit board (31) controlling the plurality of electronic components; and a plurality of card driving devices (32-35) located on the circuit board, each of the plurality of card driving devices aligning with one of the plurality of flash card apertures and selectively driving one of the plurality of flash cards, wherein the

circuit board being located between at least two of the plurality of card driving devices.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the plurality of flash cards are selected from a group of flash cards consisting of Memory Stick, Compact Flash, Secure Digital, Multi Media, Smart Media, Extreme Digital, PCMCIA, and any combination thereof; and a compact disk holder (21) aligning with one of the plurality of apertures and being movable between open and closed positions therein.

The cited reference to Su et al. teaches a dual digital CD-ROM drive including a drive unit (11) having a CD tray (15), at least one memory slot corresponding to an internal memory card read/write device, and a memory card.

Su et al. do not teach a plurality of card driving devices located on the circuit board; each of the plurality of card driving devices aligning with one of the plurality of flash card apertures and selectively driving one of the plurality of flash cards; nor do Su et al. teach the circuit board being located between at least two of the plurality of card driving devices.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Su et al. do not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Su et al. cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is further submitted that Su et al. do not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Su et al. render obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

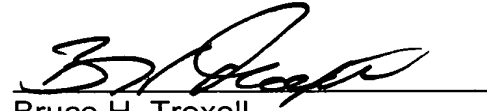
Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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